

## CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1           1.       A communication system between terminals, the system comprising:  
2                   at least two terminals communicating with each other;  
3                   an interface module enabling access to a data object for controlling with a  
4 terminal of a first party, said data object being associated with a second party; and  
5                   a notifying message to be sent substantially instantly to at least a predefined  
6 terminal of the second party each time said data object is activated by the terminal of the first  
7 party.

1           2.       The communication system of claim 1, wherein said data object  
2 comprises association data regarding at least one of a source, originator, target, and subject of  
3 said data object.

1           3.       The communication system of claim 1, wherein said data object accessible  
2 through an interface module is stored on one of the terminal of the first party and a network  
3 element accessible to the first party.

1                   4.       The communication system of claim 1, further comprising stored contact  
2 information about the second party in one of the terminal of the first party and the network  
3 element accessible to the first party.

1                   5.       The communication system of claim 1, wherein the predefined terminal of  
2 the second party further comprises a transceiver for receiving the notifying message and means  
3 for imparting at least one of a tactile signal, an auditory signal and a visual signal to be sensed by  
4 the second party upon receiving the notifying message at the second terminal.

1                   6.       The communication system of claim 5, wherein the means for imparting  
2 the tactile signal comprises means for imparting at least one of a vibration, a deformation, and a  
3 change in temperature.

1                   7.       The communication system of claim 5, wherein the means for imparting a  
2 tactile signal to be sensed by the second party comprises means for imparting the tactile signal to  
3 the second party by a device wirelessly linked to the second terminal with a short range  
4 communication link.

1                   8.       The communication system of claim 1, wherein the predefined terminal of  
2 the second party further comprises a transceiver for receiving the notifying message, and wherein

3 the notifying message comprises at least one of a plurality of different types of notifying messages  
4 available to send to the second party.

1 9. The communication system of claim 8, wherein the means for imparting a  
2 plurality of different types of notifying messages comprises means for imparting different types of  
3 vibrations to the second party.

1 10. The communication system of claim 8, wherein the plurality of different  
2 types of notifying messages comprises different personalized messages created by the first party.

1 11. The communication system of claim 1, wherein the data object to be  
2 activated comprises at least one of an email, a contact directory entry, a phonebook entry, a short  
3 message service message, a text message, an image, a picture, a video clip, an audio clip, and an  
4 animation associated with the second party.

1 12. A method of communicating messages between terminals in a  
2 communication system, the method comprising:

3 activating with a terminal of a first party through an interface module a data  
4 object being associated with a second party; and

5 sending a notifying message substantially instantly to at least a predefined terminal  
6 of the second party each time said data object is activated by the terminal of the first party.

1           13.     The method claim 12, wherein said data object accessible through an  
2 interface module is stored on one of the terminal of the first party and a network element  
3 accessible to the first party.

1           14.     The method of claim 12, further comprising storing contact information  
2 about the second party in one of the terminal of the first party and the network element  
3 accessible to the first party.

1           15.     The method of claim 12, wherein said data object comprises association  
2 data regarding at least one of a source, originator, target, and subject of said data object.

1           16.     The method of claim 12, further comprising receiving the notifying  
2 message at the second terminal and imparting at least one of a tactile signal, an auditory signal  
3 and a visual signal to be sensed by the second party.

1           17.     The method of claim 16, wherein the tactile signal imparted comprises one  
2 of a vibration, a deformation, and a change in temperature.

1           18.    The method of claim 16, wherein the tactile signal is imparted by one of  
2   the second terminal and a device linked to the second terminal with a short range wireless  
3   communication link.

1           19.    The method of claim 12, further comprising receiving the notifying  
2   message at the terminal of the second party, and imparting the notifying message wherein the  
3   notifying message comprises at least one of a plurality of different types of notifying messages  
4   available to send to the second party.

1           20.    The method of claim 19, wherein the step of imparting the notifying  
2   message comprises imparting at least one of different types of vibrations to the second party.

1           21.    The method of claim 19, wherein the plurality of different types of  
2   notifying messages comprises different personalized messages created by the first party.

1           22.    The method of claim 12, wherein the data object to be activated comprises  
2   at least one of an email, a contact directory entry, a phonebook entry, a short message service  
3   message, a text message, an image, a picture, a video clip, an audio clip, and an animation  
4   associated with the second party.

1           23.    The method of claim 12, wherein the step of activating the data object  
2 comprises one of accessing, reading, writing, drawing, editing, copying, forwarding, moving,  
3 renaming, combining, showing details of, attaching a message to, using, listening to, and viewing  
4 the data object.

1           24.    A mobile terminal communicating with other terminals, the mobile  
2 terminal comprising;

3                   a processor;

4                   a storage device; and

5                   software means operative on the processor comprising:

6                         means for maintaining in the storage device a database listing identified  
7 communication partners of a party;

8                         means for associating data objects with the identified communication  
9 partners;

10                        means for periodically scanning whether any of the associated data  
11 objects is being activated; and

12                        means for sending a notifying message to at least one of the identified  
13 communication partners substantially instantly each time one of the data objects is activated.

1                   25.     A method of notifying a terminal of a first party operating in a wireless  
2     communication network that a second party has manipulated an electronic representation of the  
3     first party, the method comprising:  
4                    associating a first party with an electronic representation of the first party;  
5                    manipulating by a second party of the electronic representation associated with  
6     the first party using an input device; and  
7                    sending a notification from the second party to the first party upon the  
8     manipulation of the electronic representation associated with the first party.

1                   26.     The method of claim 25, wherein said steps of manipulating the electronic  
2     representation and sending the notification are performed by a mobile terminal.

1                   27.     The method of claim 25, wherein said step of associating the first party with  
2     the electronic representation is performed at a first communication terminal, and further comprising  
3     receiving the notification at a second communication terminal for the first party.

1                   28.     The method of claim 27, further comprising:  
2                    storing information about the first party in one of the first communication  
3     terminal and a network, the information comprising notification information for notifying the  
4     second communication terminal of the manipulation; and

5 storing the electronic representation, the electronic representation comprising  
6 association data regarding at least one of a source, originator, target, and subject of the electronic  
7 representation;

8 wherein said step of associating the first party with the electronic representation  
9 comprises associating the information about the first party with the electronic representation of  
10 the first party using the association data.

1 29. The method of claim 27, further comprising receiving the notification at the  
2 second communication terminal and imparting a tactile signal to be sensed by the first party.

1 30. The method of claim 29, wherein the tactile signal imparted comprises one  
2 of a vibration, a deformation, and a change in temperature.

1 31. The method of claim 29, wherein the second communication terminal  
2 comprises a mobile terminal, and wherein the tactile signal is imparted to the first party by a device  
3 wirelessly linked to the mobile terminal with a short range communication link.